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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Yoshihisa NISHIBE, et al.

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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of two month(s), extending the time for responding to the Office Action of June 14, 2001 to November 14, 2001. In response to the Advisory Action dated August 27, 2001, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-30 are all the claims pending in the application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the interview on September 13, 2001. In response to the outstanding Office Action and in view of the Advisory Action and matters discussed during the interview on September 13, 2001, Applicants enclose an explanation of the relationship between the claimed invention and the results presented in the examples in the present specification. (Attachment)

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